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31. *GROOCA*, A NEW NAME FOR *NEOEPISTENIA* SURESHAN & NARENDRAN (HYMENOPTERA: CHALCIDOIDEA: PTEROMALIDAE)

The name *Neoepistenia* was applied (Sureshan and Narendran, 1995) to a genus erected for the new species *N. coorgensis* collected from the forests of Coorg (Karnataka). Unfortunately the authors overlooked the valid and prior use of *Neoepistenia* by Hedqvist (1958). *Neoepistenia* Hedqvist was erected with *N. flavoscapus* Hedqvist as the type species (Hymenoptera: Pteromalidae). Hence *Neoepistenia* Sureshan and Narendran is a junior homonym which has to be replaced according to the rules of the International Zoological Nomenclature. The new name *Grooca* is an arbitrary combination of letters of feminine gender.

FAMILY: Pteromalidae
Genus *Grooca*, nom. nov.

Neoepistenia Sureshan and Narendran (1995) *J. Bombay nat. Hist. Soc.* 92(1): 96-99. Not Hedqvist, 1958.

Grooca coorgensis (Sureshan and Narendran), comb. nov.

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